## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 18, as follows:

Examples of (B) polyfunctional compound include carboxylic acids such as acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, maleic acid, fumaric acid, succinic acid, malic acid, tataric tartaric acid, adipic acid, isophthalic acid, terephthalic acid, pyromellitic acid, trimellitic acid and derivatives thereof, e.g., ester, amide, acid anhydride and acid chloride, among which acrylic acid, methacrylic acid and derivatives thereof are particularly preferable.